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Iraqi Police graduate 167 from advanced training courses

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 167 police officers from advanced training and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility, May 19, as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 58 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 21 graduates, Critical Incident Management with 25 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 29 graduates, Mid-level Management with 19 graduates and Basic Computer Skills with 15 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course covers topics such as theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses, and homicide investigation. Participants also receive instruction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. 1,664 police officers have previously completed the Basic Criminal Investigations course.

The Interviews & Interrogations course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights, and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. 341 students previously completed this course.

Critical Incident Management is designed to provide participants with the understanding of and application skills for managing critical incidents. 229 students previously graduated this course.

The Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes against persons in cases such as armed robbery, rape and murder. 253 students have previously graduated this course.

Mid-Level Management is a course designed for supervisors who are responsible for managing the first line supervisors and their assigned personnel. 306 students have previously graduated this course.

Basic Computer Skills is designed to provide students with sufficient computer skills to create, save, store and retrieve documents, along with instruction on accessing the internet and utilizing search engines. This is the first offering of this course.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an 8-week basic training course for new recruits or a 3-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for prior-service officers.

The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.

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